

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: BROWN <i>et al.</i> Appl. No.: 10/748,290 Filed: December 31, 2003 For: Apparatus and Method for Communicating Arbitrarily Encoded Data Over a 1-Gigabit Ethernet	Confirmation No.: 8408 Art Unit: 2416 Examiner: Riyami, Abdulla A. Atty. Docket No.: 1875.3920005
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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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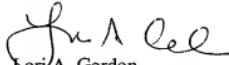
Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 1-10, 12-17, 19, and 20 in the Notice of Allowance dated June 11, 2009.

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Applicants note the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance presented on page 4 of the Notice of Allowance. Applicants reserve the right to demonstrate that claims 1-10, 12-17, 19, and 20 are allowable over the art made of record for further reasons related to any of their recited features. Applicants further contend that reservation of this right does not give rise to any implication regarding whether the Applicants agree with or acquiesce in the reasoning provided by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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